

Please note: The media newsletter has been renamed Court News Michigan.

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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Jury in I-96 shootings told: Suspect fired a gun, but he's not a terrorist

"A jury will continue deliberating Wednesday in the trial of Raulie Wayne Casteel, a Wixom man charged with terrorism for shooting at motorists along the I-96 corridor in 2012. The 12-member jury asked today to have Casteel's testimony replayed. Livingston County Circuit Judge David Reader initially told jurors to use their "collective memories," but later agreed after the jury sent a second note indicating their individual notes differ, so they need to review his more than two hours of testimony."

[Full story](#)

Detroit News: Chief district judge criticizes Cooper in dispute over Novi judge

"A blistering letter from a chief district judge has made its way into the ongoing legal battle between Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper's office and Novi 52-1 District Judge Brian MacKenzie."

[Full story](#)

Detroit News: Cushingberry to lose law license for 45 days over client grievance

"The law license of George Cushingberry Jr. will be suspended next month for 45 days under a settlement reached to resolve a grievance filed by a former client, an attorney for the councilman said Tuesday. Todd Russell Perkins said the State Attorney Discipline Board issued the order Monday imposing the suspension for Cushingberry beginning Feb. 18."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee Legal News: Brenda Swann selected as the Judge Marable Student of the Year

"Flint 68th District Judge Herman Marable, Jr. and his Citizens Advisory Committee announced that Brenda Swann, of Flint has been selected as the Judge Marable Student of the Year for the 2012-2013 school year."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Volunteers sought for high court Learning Center

"Volunteers need enthusiasm, love of learning and commitment — but no legal experience — to serve as docents for the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

**Volunteer docents needed for Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center
No legal experience needed; Center provides training for giving tours,
showing exhibits**

[Press release](#)

Midland Daily News: Prosecutor seeks higher starting salary for experienced attorney

"A relatively inexperienced Midland County Prosecuting Attorney's office has necessitated the need for Prosecuting Attorney Erik S. H. Wallen to ask the county board to amend its hiring practices. Wallen appeared at Monday's Human Services Committee meeting to ask for a higher starting salary for a new attorney he is in the process of hiring. The process started with the retirement of District Court Judge John H. Hart and the appointment of former Prosecuting Attorney Mike Carpenter to fill Hart's position. To fill Carpenter's position, Wallen was appointed prosecuting attorney."

[Full story](#)

MLive: Report: Genesee County jury issues largest state court verdict in 2013

"A verdict issued by a Genesee County jury was the largest ordered in a Michigan state court in 2013, according to a report by **Michigan Lawyers Weekly**.....Genesee Circuit Judge Joseph J. Farah, who oversaw the trial, has said the award is the largest any jury has returned in his courtroom in his eight years hearing civil cases."

[Full story](#)

MLive: Genesee Circuit judge agrees not to hear drunk driving case if suspect keeps attorney

"Genesee Circuit Judge Archie Hayman has granted a request that he recuse himself from hearing a felony drunk driving if the accused is represented by Owosso attorney F. Anthony Lubkin."

[Full story](#)

MLive: After serving time in federal prison for tax evasion, former attorney accused of failing to pay city taxes

"Six months after he was released from a halfway house following a federal prison stint for tax evasion, former attorney Charles Rominger is in tax trouble again, this time with the city of Grand Rapids."

[Full story](#)

MLW Blog: Nominations for 2014 'Leaders' are now open

"Michigan Lawyers Weekly will present the Leaders in the Law Class of 2014 at our annual luncheon and awards celebration on Thursday, March 20, 2014, at the Detroit Marriott Troy..... To nominate a Leader in the Law, you may fill out **this form**. The deadline for nominations is **Jan. 31, 2014**."

[Full story](#)

MLW Blog: Ex-Lion sues NFL, helmet maker for concussion

"Former Detroit Lions running back Jahvid Best has filed suit in Wayne County Circuit Court against the NFL and football helmet maker Riddell, claiming they are responsible for his concussion-related injuries."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Gun charge dismissed due to missed deadline

"The Michigan Supreme Court has dismissed a Detroit-area criminal case against a man who said authorities flunked a 180-day deadline to bring him to court."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Annual worship service planned by ABJM, Feb. 9

"The Association of Black Judges of Michigan's Annual Worship Service will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9, at Greater Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, pastored by Bishop J. Drew Sheard."

[Full story](#)

State News: Larkin selected as next 54-B chief judge

"54-B District Court Judge Andrea Larkin was appointed to serve as chief judge by the Michigan Supreme Court. Larkin won the seat in 2012 after upsetting former state representative Mark Meadows."

Full story